

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 15th July 2018

IARU HF Championship

To help with log cross-checking, the organisers have asked everyone who has operated this weekend in the IARU HF Championship as a competitor to upload their Cabrillo log to the WRTC web site immediately after the contest. See www.wrtc2018.de for more details of this event, including the log upload link. Note that a separate log upload, to ARRL, is needed to enter the IARU contest; this must be done within 5 days of the contest.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon basin radio club will be holding a meeting in the Roscommon underwater search and recovery club house, Athlone, Co. Roscommon on the 26th of July at 20:30. Nearest eircode is F42 HX48 . All club members are requested to attend and anyone wishing to join the club is more than welcome. Please note the new venue. For any information please contact Brian EI8IU on 0861057325.

Kingstown Regatta 120th Anniversary

A reminder that the 120th Anniversary of the Kingstown Regatta will be taking place shortly. In the late 19th century the Kingstown Regatta was a big annual social event in Dublin. Wireless telegraphy was in its infancy when in July 1898 the Dublin Express newspaper invited Marconi to set up a wireless station aboard the Flying Huntress anchored at the race finish line. The results were transmitted back to the harbour master's office in Kingstown and telephoned onward to the newspaper offices. Special editions of the newspaper with results of the races were on sale in Kingstown before the yachts had returned to port.

This was the first use of wireless in reporting on a sporting event. The races took place in Dublin Bay just off Howth. To commemorate the 120th anniversary of this historic event, EIOMAR will be celebrating by being QRV from the Martello tower in Howth on Saturday 21st July and a special QSL card will be available for all QSOs and SWL reports.

A spark transmitter similar to that used at the Regatta will be on display. The station will be active from about 1000 to 1600 UTC on HF also monitoring 145.525 MHz.

Visitors are welcome to come along and celebrate with us. You can follow The Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio on Facebook for updates.

IECRO Radio Club

Jarad KE8GBF from Northern Michigan will be visiting Dublin for a 24 hour period and would like to meet a few Irish hams around the city.

During parts of his visit he will operate QRP portable under IECRO Radio Club callsign EI0IPN. Listen out for him on UHF, VHF, HF and also on the repeaters.

He will arrive on the morning of Friday 27th July and his first destination will be the Hurdy Gurdy Museum of Vintage Radio in Howth.

19th World ARDF Championships

Reminder that the Korean Amateur Radio League (KARL) will be hosting the IARU WORLD ARDF Championships this year (2018) in the beautiful mountainous and seaside surroundings of Sokcho City, Gangwon Province. This city is near the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games site. The event should prove to be very exciting for those able to attend. For more information, visit Philippine Amateur Radio Association website www.para.org.ph

DX News

Andre NJ0F will sign A25A from Botswana until 20th July. He will be on 80 – 10m SSB, CW, RTTY and FT8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Geoff ZL3GA returns to Vanuatu from 18th – 25th July and will reactivate his YJ0GA callsign. This time he is able to borrow an amplifier from YJ8RN so expects his signal to be a little louder. His main modes will be CW and FT8. Logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World and QSLs go via Club Log OQRS.

Members of the Poznan University of Technology in Poland will visit Svalbard from 18th – 31st July. While there they will use the callsign JW100PUT which celebrates the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the University's Amateur Radio Club. Activity will be on 80, 40 and 20m CW and SSB. QSL via the club callsign SP3PET.

Pierre VE3KTB will be back on Ellesmere Island signing VY0ERC until 21st July. This one counts as NA-008 for the IOTA Award, as well as Zone 2 for WAZ and Grid

Square ER60. QSL via M0OXO.

The special callsign TM85TF is in use until 20th July in connection with this year's Tour de France cycle race. QSL via the bureau to F6KUF.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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